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Application No.: 09/846,565

Art Unit: 3738

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Filed: April 27, 2001

Examiner: Miller, Cheryl L.

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Title: Low Profile Expandable Hoop Support Device for Flexible Tubes

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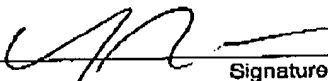
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